

Welcome to Marcliffe Primary!

We are delighted that you are considering sending your child to Marcliffe; we strive to make all parents and children feel welcomed into our school. As parents you are your child's first teacher and we hope that the learning process can be a partnership; this visit may be the first steps in building that relationship.

- **Introduction to the school**

We currently have about 510 children on roll. These are organised into 18 classes and three phases: Foundation stage, (Reception) KS1 (Years 1+2), KS2 (years 3, 4, 5+6). Some of the Reception teachers are available tonight to answer any questions you may have about our provision.

- The Reception class teachers are called Mrs Ward, Mrs Dawson, Mrs House, Mrs Lloyd and Miss Atkinson and they are supported by a number of Teaching Assistants, Mrs Chatterton, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Dawson, Mr Kenworthy, Miss Taylor and Miss Bestford. If you have any queries there are a number of people in school who can help you: In the school office we have Mrs Hanson (School Manager) who will be able to advise you on any queries about the admissions application process or uniform.

- The **school day** begins from 8:40 and ends at about 3:15 (staggered times)

- The children are based in three classes. They spend part of each session with their class teachers and then for some of the day the blue doors are opened and they can choose freely from a range of activities in the three classrooms and the outdoor area. They also benefit from our wider facilities like the Secret Garden, climbing wall (supervised) school hall for PE and school dinners and the Design & Technology room for baking.

- If you are offered a place for your child the class teachers will visit them in their nursery settings if possible. They will usually be invited for two visits to school in the summer term so they are familiar with the adults and other children before they start in September.

- **Uniform** - we sell uniform through

<https://www.schools.stitchfactory.co.uk/marcliffe-primary.html>

Sweatshirts with the school dragon logo cost £9 and sweat-cardigans cost £10. You can also buy plain red jumpers or sweatshirts from stores like Tesco if you prefer.

- The children wear a polo-shirt (white, red), sweatshirt/cardigan, grey or black trousers or skirt. Shoes with Velcro fasteners help your child to become more independent. Your child will also need a **PE kit** (white T-shirt and black shorts)

- **Dinner arrangements** ~ your child can have a cooked meal which is free for children in Reception and years 1 and 2, or packed lunch (healthy contents please.)

- The children are given **fruit** every day and **milk** if they wish at about £12 for the Autumn term (16p a day.) This is free until children are five.

- **Behaviour** ~ when the children start school we help them to understand the school rules in simple terms. Our behaviour policy puts a strong emphasis on rewards and encouraging positive behaviour.

- **Wrap-around Care** To help working parents we offer Dragon's Den Breakfast Club which runs from 7:45-8:45 and costs £4.50. Our after school club runs from 3:15-5:45 and offers a snack and a range of fun activities for £8:00 a session. More information about this is available from the school office.
- **Attainment** ~ Our results across school are all well above national from early years to KS2 (last tests 2019 due to Covid).
- **Curriculum** ~ we believe children need access to a broad and balanced curriculum, so as well as high quality teaching of reading writing and maths, our children's learning follows interesting and creative theme across school. Reading has a high priority across school as we believe it is the gateway to the whole curriculum. Children are taught phonics through a structured approach in Reception, reading books are matched to the sounds they are learning. We also put a great emphasis on PE, sport and music. All the children in KS2 learn French. Children usually go on visits to places like Kelham Island and the Galleries of Justice to enhance their understanding of subjects like history.

There is a great deal more information on the school website.

Thank you for your interest in our school, please contact me if you have any queries:
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Alison Mann, Headteacher

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This is a GOOD school

"Pupils conduct themselves well around the school. In lessons, pupils work well with each other, show enthusiasm for their learning and take pride in their work. Pupils enjoy coming to school and say that teachers try their best to make learning 'fun'. Parents agree, with one summarising the views of many by saying, 'My daughter has been challenged and has flourished through the care, warmth and ambition her teachers hold for her.' The overwhelming majority of parents and carers would recommend the school.

One parent commented, 'Whilst a large school, it has a personal feel and very welcoming culture.'

Children make a strong start to their time in school in the early years unit."